

App. Serial No.: 09/051,263

Atty. Docket No.: 0081-012

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings by substituting the replacement drawing sheets 1-57 filed June 27, 2007 for the original drawing sheets 1-50.

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REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 17, 2007, which has a shortened statutory period for response set to expire August 17, 2007. A one-month extension, to expire September 17, 2007, is requested in a petition filed herewith.

Title

Applicants' amendment to the title mailed June 27, 2007 was deemed non-compliant, because the amendment did not include markings and did not begin on a separate page. The amendment to the title made herein begins on a separate page and includes markings to show the changes made.

The title is amended in response to the Examiner's objection. Should the Examiner disapprove of the amended title, the Examiner is invited to suggest an acceptable title.

Drawings

Applicants' amendment to the drawings mailed June 27, 2007 was deemed non-compliant, because the amendment did not begin on a separate page. The amendment to the drawings made herein begins on a separate page.

The Examiner requires new corrected drawings. The Examiner writes:

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the drawings contain handwritten identifiers that, at times, are hard to distinguish.

As required by the Examiner, a complete new set of drawings was filed June 27, 2007.

No new matter is entered.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

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Conclusion

According to the Notice of Non-Compliant Response, only the corrected sections of the non-compliant amendment are provided herein. Applicants understand that the compliant sections of the prior amendment, including the amendments to the claims and related remarks, are entered. In addition, the correction to the amendment to the drawings section made herein directs that the replacement drawings sheets filed June 27, 2007 be substituted for the original drawing sheets. As instructed by the Legal Instruments Examiner, the replacement drawing sheets are not provided herewith.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that the amendment now complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions for expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at (269) 279-8820.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9/17/07



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Date: 9/17/07


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